

May Vote History

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Agriculture

(233) - HR 1256: Tobacco Regulation - Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Buyer, R-Ind., substitute amendment that would create a center within the Health and Human Services Department to regulate tobacco products but would not regulate the marketing or advertising of the products or smokeless tobacco products as strictly. It would eliminate the user fees on tobacco manufacturers and importers, prohibit restrictions on raw tobacco growers and prohibit tobacco or nicotine products from being regulated as a food, drug or device under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, except for those marketed for use as a medical treatment. Rejected 142-284.

Vote: Yea

Budget, Taxes, and the Economy

(235) - S 386: Financial Fraud - Passage

May 06, 2009 - Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would expand federal fraud laws to cover funds paid under the economic stimulus package and the Troubled Asset Relief Program, as well as to mortgage lenders not directly regulated or insured by the federal government. It would authorize additional funds in fiscal 2010 through 2011 for the Justice Department and state and local law enforcement investigations. Motion agreed to 367-59.

Vote: Yea

(268) - S 386: Financial Fraud - Passage

May 18, 2009 - Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the bill that would expand federal fraud laws to cover funds paid under the economic stimulus package and the Troubled Asset Relief Program, as well as to mortgage lenders not directly regulated or insured by the federal government. It would authorize additional funds in fiscal 2010 through 2011 for the Justice Department and state and local law enforcement investigations, and create a 10-member independent commission to study the financial markets and make regulatory recommendations. It would also authorize additional funds for those years for the FBI, Postal Inspection Service, Secret Service and Department of Housing and Urban Development's inspector general. Motion agreed to 338-52.

Vote: Yea

(276) HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - Motion to Concur

May 20, 2009 - Frank, D-Mass., motion to concur in certain provisions of the Senate amendment to the bill that would impose restrictions on credit card company lending practices. The bill would restrict when companies could increase annual percentage interest rates retroactively on an existing balance, require companies to give at least 45 days' notice before increasing an annual percentage rate or changing an open-ended contract, and restrict companies from computing interest charges on balances from more than one billing cycle. Credit companies would not be allowed to use the term "fixed rate" except when referring to a rate that will not change for any reason over a set period. The bill would prohibit companies from issuing credit cards to consumers under the age of 21 without parental acceptance of financial liability for the card or a demonstrated ability to repay the credit extension. It would require the Federal Reserve to study the lending practices of credit card companies and report to Congress on its findings every two years. The bill's provisions would take effect nine months after enactment. Motion agreed to 361-64.

Vote: Yea

(280) - HR 2352: Small Business Entrepreneurial Programs - Recommit

May 20, 2009 - Capito, R-W.Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Small Business Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would require the small-business development center to provide information and technical assistance to any small-business owner that has its costs increased as a result of a tax on carbon emissions. Motion agreed to 385-41.

Vote: Yea

(281) - HR 2352: Small Business Entrepreneurial Programs - Passage

May 20, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would reauthorize the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs. It would authorize, from fiscal 2010 through 2011, \$310 million for small-business development centers to provide management assistance to small-business owners; \$22 million to establish a veterans business center program, \$42 million for women's business centers; \$14 million for the administration's nonprofit resource partner, SCORE; and \$4 million for distance learning projects to provide technical assistance through online networking. It would authorize, over two years, \$32 million for grants to tribal information centers for workshops and training to assist Native Americans in starting businesses; \$14 million for grants to assist Native American tribe members, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians in small-business ventures; and \$4 million for the administration's office of Native American Affairs. Passed 406-15.

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Vote: Yea

Business and Labor

(274) - HR 2352: Small Business Entrepreneurial Programs - Previous Question

May 20, 2009 - Polis, D-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 457) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize Small Business Administration entrepreneurial development programs in fiscal 2010 and 2011. Motion agreed to 244-175.

Vote: Nay

Domestic Issues

(231) - H Res 299: Public Service Recognition Week - Adoption

May 05, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend public servants for their contributions to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year. Motion agreed to 419-0.

Vote: Yea

(236) - H Res 348: University of North Carolina Basketball - Adoption

May 06, 2009 - Polis, D-Colo., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate University of North Carolina for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Motion agreed to 423-0.

Vote: Yea

(244) - H Res 413: IEEE Engineering the Future Day - Adoption

May 12, 2009 - Gordon, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals IEEE Engineering the Future Day, and recognize the importance of engineering and technology to meeting the nation's most pressing challenges. Motion agreed to 409-0.

Vote: Yea

(248) - HR 2162: Herbert Littleton Post Office - Passage

May 13, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Nampa, Idaho, as the "Herbert A. Littleton Postal Station." Motion

agreed to 420-0.

Vote: Yea

(253) - H Res 204: American Dental Association Anniversary -
Adoption

May 13, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to
suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate the American
Dental Association on its 150th anniversary, commend the group's work to improve
the oral health care of low-income children and recognize dentists who
volunteer to provide oral care to Americans. Motion agreed to 424-0.

Vote: Yea

(267) - H Res 300: Camp Dudley YMCA Anniversary - Adoption

May 18, 2009 - Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to
suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate Camp Dudley
YMCA of Westport, N.Y., on its 125th anniversary and recognize the camp's
staff, campers and alumni for their contributions to their community. Motion
agreed to 388-0.

Vote: Yea

(269) - H Res 442: Child and Adult Care Food Program -
Adoption

May 18, 2009 - Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to
suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the importance
of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its effect on low-income children
and families, encourage states to better coordinate the use of funding across
early learning and child development programs, and recognize the need to
provide adequate resources to improve food the program serves. Motion agreed to
377-10.

Vote: Yea

(272) - H Res 360: Memorial Day - Adoption

May 19, 2009 - Filner, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would urge people to visit national cemeteries, memorials and markers on Memorial Day.

Motion agreed to 422-0.

Vote: Yea

(278) - H Res 297: National Missing Children's Day - Adoption

May 20, 2009 - Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize National Missing Children's Day, encourage Americans to raise public awareness about the issue of missing children and recognize that an updated photograph is one of the most important tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a missing child. Motion agreed to 423-0.

Vote: Yea

(287) - HR 1676: Tobacco Shipping Restrictions - Passage

May 21, 2009 - Weiner, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from transporting tobacco products, excluding cigars, to consumers in the continental United States, and require tobacco sellers to use shipping methods that verify recipients are of legal age. The bill would authorize \$8.5 million annually over five years for the Treasury Department to investigate tobacco trafficking, impose restrictions to ensure collection of applicable excise taxes and bar sellers from shipping packages of tobacco products that weigh more than 10 pounds directly to retail consumers. Motion agreed to 397-11.

Vote: Yea

Education

(232) - H Res 338: Community College Month - Adoption

May 05, 2009 - Polis, D-Colo., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of National Community College Month and congratulate community colleges for their contributions to education and workforce development. Motion agreed to 424-0.

Vote: Yea

(249) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction - Advisory Council

May 13, 2009 - Titus, D-Nev., amendment that would require the Education Department to establish an advisory council on the impact of energy efficient and environmental schools on education, health, energy costs and the environment. It would require the council to recommend federal policies to increase the number of energy efficient schools and identify policies that prevent states from creating energy efficient schools. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 270-160.

Vote: Nay

(250) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction - Project Impact Evaluation

May 13, 2009 - Roe, R-Tenn., amendment that would require the Education Department to evaluate the impact of authorized projects on student academic achievement, including a comparison of student progress in schools that receive funds authorized in the bill and schools that do not receive funds. It would require the department to submit a report to Congress on its findings after 2015. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 432-2.

Vote: Yea

(251) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Domestic Hardwood

May 13, 2009 - Ellsworth, D-Ind., amendment
that would allow local educational agencies to use sustainable, domestic
hardwood lumber for public school construction that is certified as renewable
by the Department of Agriculture Forest Service. It would require agencies
receiving funds to disclose if installed flooring was made from renewable
sources. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 425-7.

Vote: Yea

(255) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Project Education

May 14, 2009 - Giffords, D-Ariz., amendment
that would allow local educational agencies to encourage schools to teach
students about projects authorized under the bill, including educating students
about the energy efficiency and environmental benefits of the projects. Adopted
in Committee of the Whole 334-97.

Vote: Yea

(256) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Reserved Funding

May 14, 2009 - Bright, D-Ala., amendment that
would require the Education Department to reserve 5 percent of the bill's
authorized funding for grants to local educational agencies that serve areas
with significant economic distress or that are recovering from a natural
disaster. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 433-0.

Vote: Yea

(257) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Respiratory Illness Reduction

May 14, 2009 - Griffith, D-Ala., amendment that would allow grant funds authorized in the bill to be used for actions aimed at reducing airborne particles such as dust, sand and pollens in schools to reduce the effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses on students and staff. It would allow reducing those health effects to be one of the voluntary guidelines for schools considered to be high performing and add the reduction of respiratory illness to the list of expected benefits of construction authorized under the bill.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole 433-0.

Vote: Yea

(258) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Recommit

May 14, 2009 - Thompson, R-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would prevent any funds to be authorized under the bill in a fiscal year following any year that the federal deficit is in excess of \$500 billion. Motion rejected 182-247.

Vote: Yea

(259) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Passage

May 14, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would authorize \$6.4 billion for school construction projects in fiscal 2010 and unspecified sums in fiscal 2011 through 2015, requiring that a certain percentage be used for construction that meets environmental or energy efficiency standards. Passed 275-155.

Vote: Nay

(260) - HR 2187: Energy Efficient School Construction -
Title Change

May 14, 2009 - Kline, R-Minn., amendment that

would change the title of the bill to "A bill to saddle future generations with billions in debt, and for other purposes." Rejected 149-257.

Vote: Yea

Foreign Affairs

(229) - H Res 230: Cinco De Mayo - Adoption

May 04, 2009 - Payne, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would request the president issue a proclamation recognizing the Mexican people's struggle for freedom and call on the American people to observe Cinco de Mayo with appropriate activities. Motion agreed to 395-0.

Vote: Yea

(245) - H Res 378: Margaret Thatcher Tribute - Adoption

May 12, 2009 - Berman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 30th anniversary of the election of Margaret Thatcher as the first female prime minister of Great Britain, recognize her work in promoting individual rights and free markets around the world, and acknowledge the strong diplomatic relationship she fostered between the United States and Great Britain. Motion agreed to 339-64.

Vote: Yea

(230) - H Con Res 111: Anniversary of Israeli Independence - Adoption

May 04, 2009 - Payne, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate the people of Israel on the 61st anniversary of the country's independence, recognize the country for providing refuge and a national homeland for the Jewish people, and commend the commitment of the United States to stand by Israel.

Motion agreed to 394-0.

Vote: Yea

Housing

(238) - HR 1728: Mortgage Lending Standards - Elected Office Crimes

May 07, 2009 - Frank, D-Mass., amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill for legal assistance or housing counseling grants to organizations that have been convicted of federal crimes related to elected office or that employ individuals who have been convicted of such crimes. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 245-176.

Vote: Nay

(271) - S 896: Housing Loans Modification - Passage

May 19, 2009 - Frank, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would ease the application and eligibility requirements for the Hope for Homeowners Program. It would increase, to \$250,000, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and National Credit Union Administration deposit insurance coverage on individual bank accounts until Dec. 31, 2013. It would increase the FDIC's borrowing authority to \$100 billion from \$30 billion and provide temporary authority for further increases to \$500 billion if deemed necessary. The bill includes a safe harbor provision to protect lenders from legal liability if certain criteria are met during the loan modification process. It would authorize \$2.2 billion to expand a program to provide federal funds for homeless shelters, education and other assistance for the homeless. Motion agreed to 367-54.

Vote: Yea

(239) - HR 1728: Mortgage Lending Standards - Assignee and Securitizer Liability

May 07, 2009 - Hensarling, R-Texas, amendment that would strike provisions related to liability of assignees and securitizers in the bill. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 171-252.

Vote: Yea

(240) - HR 1728: Mortgage Lending Standards - Federal Reserve Certification

May 07, 2009 - Price, R-Ga., amendment that would delay mortgage lending standard provisions in the bill for 90 days after the Federal Reserve certifies that the provisions would not reduce the availability or increase the price of credit for qualified mortgages.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 167-259.

Vote: Yea

(241) - HR 1728: Mortgage Lending Standards - Loan Restrictions

May 07, 2009 - McHenry, R-N.C., amendment that would strike language in the bill that would set restrictions for mortgage loans with a higher than 6.5 percent annual interest rate, including provisions that would prohibit creditors from extending credit to borrowers with such mortgages without approval from a certified mortgage counselor.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 171-255.

Vote: Yea

(242) - HR 1728: Mortgage Lending Standards - Passage

May 07, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would impose restrictions and set standards for mortgage lenders. Creditors would have to retain at least 5 percent of the credit risk on any non-qualified mortgage that is transferred, sold or conveyed. It would require lenders to be licensed and registered under state or federal law, and prohibit compensation structures that could cause loan originators to steer applicants toward mortgages they lack a reasonable ability to repay. Lenders would be required to obtain proof of a borrower's ability to repay a home loan, and barred from providing refinancing credit unless the lender reasonably determines refinancing would provide tangible benefit to the borrower. Passed 300-114.

Vote: Nay

Transportation

(234) - H Res 367: National Train Day - Adoption

May 06, 2009 - Brown, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of National Train Day as designated by Amtrak and recognize the contributions of trains to the national transportation system. Motion agreed to 426-0.

Vote: Yea

(284) - HR 915: FAA Reauthorization - Previous Question

May 21, 2009 - Arcuri, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 464) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Vote: Nay

(288) - HR 915: FAA Reauthorization - Whistleblower Protection

May 21, 2009 - Burgess, R-Texas, amendment that would express the sense of Congress that whistleblowers at the Federal Aviation Administration be granted the full protection of the law. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 420-0.

Vote: Yea

(289) - HR 915: FAA Reauthorization - Project Naming

May 21, 2009 - McCaul, R-Texas, amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill to name any project or program for an individual serving as a member, delegate, resident commissioner or senator of the U.S. Congress. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 417-2.

Vote: Yea

(290) - HR 915: FAA Reauthorization - Recommit

May 21, 2009 - Campbell, R-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would bar the use of the funds in the bill for subsidizing a public airport located three miles northeast of Johnstown, Pa., that offers scheduled commercial air carrier service, general aviation service and has a joint military control tower. Motion rejected 154-263.

Vote: Yea

(291) - HR 915: FAA Reauthorization - Passage

May 21, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would authorize \$53.5 billion through fiscal 2012 for the FAA. It would require airlines and airports to develop contingency plans for stranded passengers, prohibit passengers from talking on mobile devices while a plane is in flight and increase the number of daily long-distance flights permitted from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The bill would require the FAA to establish fees for aircraft registration and certification, impose a \$130 fee for registering an aircraft and increase to \$7, from \$4.50, the maximum passenger facility charge. It would require maintenance inspectors that oversee airlines to be rotated every five years, and establish a new labor dispute system for air traffic controllers and require additional inspections at aviation repair stations overseas. Passed 277-136.

Vote: Nay

War on Terror, Armed Forces, Veterans

(247) - H Con Res 84: National Military Appreciation Month - Adoption

May 13, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would support the goals and objectives of National Military Appreciation Month and urge the president to call on the American people to annually observe the month. Motion agreed to 421-0.

Vote: Yea

(252) - H Res 432: Weapons Acquisition Overhaul - Adoption

May 13, 2009 - Skelton, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pass HR 2101, take up S 454, amend it with the text of HR 2101; pass S 454 as amended and request a conference with the Senate. The House amendment would require the Defense secretary to designate officials in the office for oversight to oversee cost estimation, systems engineering, and performance assessment of major weapons acquisitions programs; include an assessment of technological maturity; and require input from combat force commanders. It would require the Defense secretary to ensure that the acquisition strategy includes measures to foster competition. Motion agreed to 428-0.

Vote: Yea

(254) - S 454: Weapons Acquisition Overhaul - Motion to Close Conference

May 13, 2009 - Skelton, D-Mo., motion to close portions of the conference on the bill that would overhaul major elements of the Defense Department's weapons acquisition process. Motion agreed to 409-11.

Vote: Yea

(261) - HR 2346: Fiscal 2009 Supplemental - Previous Question

May 14, 2009 - Perlmutter, D-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 434) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$96.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds for fiscal 2009, including funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and pandemic flu preparations. Motion agreed to 240-188

Vote: Nay

(263) - H Res 377: Armed Forces Appreciation - Adoption

May 14, 2009 - Massa, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor members of the armed forces and their families for their service and sacrifice, state that the House remains committed to supporting the military and encourage Americans to show appreciation on Armed Forces Day 2009. Motion agreed to 420-0.

Vote: Yea

(264) - HR 2346: Fiscal 2009 Supplemental - Recommit

May 14, 2009 - Rogers, R-Ky., motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would strike the bill's provisions that move funding for the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund from the Defense Department to the State Department and provisions that move funding from certain military operations accounts. It would also shift money in the bill for developing countries affected by global warming to counternarcotics and law enforcement operations on the U.S. border. Motion rejected 191-237.

Vote: Yea

(265) - HR 2346: Fiscal 2009 Supplemental - Passage

May 14, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$96.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds for fiscal 2009, including funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and pandemic flu preparations. It would provide \$47.7 billion for ongoing military operations, \$10.1 billion for foreign aid and stabilization programs and \$2 billion to address potential pandemic flu. The bill would provide for additional pay to military personnel who have had their enlistments involuntarily extended. It also would prohibit funds appropriated in the bill from being used to release detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States. Passed 368-60.

Vote: Yea

(266) - HR 347: World War II Gold Medal - Passage

May 14, 2009 - Watt, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$30,000 to create a gold medal to recognize the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, and allow the Treasury to create duplicate medals to be sold to cover production costs. Motion agreed to 411-0.

Vote: Yea

(270) - HR 1089: Armed Forces Employment Rights Oversight - Passage

May 19, 2009 - Filner, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would grant the Office of Special Counsel jurisdiction in enforcing employment rights of veterans and members of the armed forces employed by federal executive agencies, and would allow individuals to file complaints with the counsel. Motion agreed to 423-0.

Vote: Yea

(277) - HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - Motion to Concur

May 20, 2009 - Frank, D-Mass., motion to concur in section 512 of the Senate amendment to the bill that would impose restrictions on credit card company lending practices. Section 512 would bar the Interior Department from prohibiting an individual from possessing a firearm in national parks or wildlife refuges in compliance with state laws. Motion agreed to 279-147.

Vote: Yea

(279) - HR 2352: Small Business Entrepreneurial Programs - Rural Entrepreneurship Council

May 20, 2009 - Kratovil, D-Md., amendment that would require the Small Business Administration to create an advisory council made up of government officials and volunteers from the academic, small-business, agriculture and technology fields. The council would provide a report to Congress on rural entrepreneurship within 90 days of the bill's enactment as well as ongoing advice and recommendations on policies to foster entrepreneurship in rural communities. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 427-0.

Vote: Yea

(286) - S 454: Weapons Acquisition Overhaul - Conference Report

May 21, 2009 - Adoption of the conference

report on the bill that would overhaul major elements of the Defense Department's weapons acquisition process. The Pentagon would have to require competition and revise regulations regarding conflicts of interest for the military's major acquisitions programs. It would establish the position of director of cost assessment and program evaluation. It also would require the Defense secretary to designate a director to oversee developmental tests and evaluation, and one to oversee systems engineering. It would require the Pentagon to implement mechanisms to ensure that cost, performance and schedule objectives are balanced. Adopted (thus cleared for the president) 411-0.

Vote: Yea
